

## The Process

### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

**1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source**

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BLOOMINGTON	Housing and Neighborhood Development Department
HOME Administrator	BLOOMINGTON	Housing and Neighborhood Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative

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## **PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department consulted with a wide variety of agencies, boards, commissions and individuals. A complete list of those consulted can be found in PR-15 Citizen Participation Outreach.

**Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).**

The City of Bloomington provides opportunity to coordinate between agencies through the following processes and committees:

- Community Development Block Grant allocation process
- Jack Hopkins Council Social Services grants allocation process
- The Housing Network (Region 10 CoC committee)

In addition, in 2014, the Bloomington Police and Housing and Neighborhood Development Departments launched the BPD Outreach Program. The focus of this program is to find a better alternative to arrest when dealing with the consequences of either being homeless or at risk for homelessness. The BPD Outreach Program has an advisory committee that includes Centerstone (mental health services), IU Health Bloomington Hospital, Volunteers in Medicine, Shalom Community Center, the faith community, and other agencies such as Monroe County Public Library, Monroe County Probation Office, etc. The advisory committee helps coordinate services for homeless individuals and families encountered by the BPD Resource Officers and street social worker.

**Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness**

The network of housing and service providers in Bloomington is comprehensive and the city is known for its concern and activism in social issues. Several umbrella organizations have formed to assist in creating more efficient and effective allocation of resources, and to avoid duplication in programming. The South Central Housing Network is a consortium of housing providers including those involved in permanent, transitional and emergency needs. The City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department is a member of the South Central Housing Network.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS**

ESG funds are distributed through the State of Indiana to Region 10 which is represented by the South Central Housing Network. The Network has developed its plan to end homelessness called *Heading Home: A Regional Plan to Make Homelessness Rare, Brief and Nonrepeating* that outlines the goals of Region 10 in conjunction with the State of Indiana's goals to end homelessness. The State is currently working on an assessment tool to be used state-wide. The release date of this tool is unknown at this time.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

Please see PR-15 Citizen Participation below.

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department attempted to consult a wide range of agency types for the Consolidated Plan 2015-2019. There is no type of agency that was intentionally not consulted.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Coordinated Human Services -- Public Transportation Plan (2012)	Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Transportation needs of the community, especially for those with special needs.
Community Health Needs Assessment (2011-2012)	IU Heath Bloomington Hospital	Community healthcare assessment
Service Community Assessment of Needs (2012)	United Way of Monroe County, Indiana	Community needs assessment
Heading Home - A Regional Plan to Make Homelessness Rare, Brief & Nonrepeating (2014)	South Central Housing Network	Continuum of Care coordination
Growth Policies Plan (2002)	City of Bloomington Planning Department	Development of housing, infrastructure, etc. This Plan is in the process of being updated.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))**

**Narrative (optional):**

Implementation of the Consolidated Plan is described throughout the document. Please see specific sections for information regarding cooperation and coordination with other public entities.

## **PR-15 Citizen Participation**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**

#### **Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department did a variety of activities to ensure broad citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan Process. On October 1, 2014, HAND mailed out a survey to 700 random addresses throughout the community. Eighty-two were returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Two-hundred Seventy-three surveys were completed which is a 44.1% return rate. A survey to 250 Section 8 assisted tenants and Bloomington Housing Authority residents was mailed on October 30, 2014. Thirty-eight were mailed back and 48 were deposited in a sealed box at the Bloomington Housing Authority office which is a return rate of 15%.

HAND conducted series of focus groups on five relevant topics: Community Development, Economic Development, Homelessness, Social Services and Affordable Housing. The focus groups were advertised through the Herald-Times and on the City's webpage. HAND conducted a series of key informant discussions with key community members. See Table 4 for a complete list of key informants.

In addition, HAND conducted face-to-face surveys with patrons of the Community Kitchen and the Shalom Community Center. Staff members also went out with Bloomington Police Department Resource Officers to interview unsheltered homeless individuals. Individuals were contacted at city parks, at the Monroe County Public Library and along the streets. Interviewees were asked questions about what services they use or have used and what, if any, services are needed but not available.

Comments and survey results are attached as Exhibit A.